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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT'S REPORT ON CHINESE COMMENTS REGARDING  
THE UNITED STATES

1. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION WE HAVE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL, THE FOREIGN OFFICE HERE HAS TOLD US THAT TENG AND MAO SHARPLY ATTACKED US POLICIES AND THE SECRETARY IN THEIR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHANCELLOR.
2. SCHMIDT WAS SURPRISED BY THE VEHEMENCE OF THE CHINESE REMARKS ON THE SECRETARY AND ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF OUR POLICIES TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. THE CHINESE GENERALLY DENOUNCED DETENTE AND PARTICULARLY ATTACKED THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS AND THE US-USSR GRAIN AGREEMENT. THE CHINESE TOLD SCHMIDT THAT OUR POLICIES WOULD LEAD TO ANOTHER MUNICH AND COMPARED THE SECRETARY WITH CHAMBERLAIN.

4. SCHMIDT RESPONDED IN A FORCEFUL MANNER TO THESE CHINESE REMARKS. HE EMPHASIZED THE STRENGTH OF THE US, OF OUR ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY AND NATO'S DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES. SCHMIDT WAS SO DISTURBED BY THE CHINESE REMARKS THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO GERMANY HE DELIBERATELY LEAKED HIS STRONG PERSONAL REACTION

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AGAINST THE CHINESE DOUBTS IN OUR STEADFASTNESS AND

VIGILANCE IN A MEETING WHICH HE HAD WITH A REPORTER  
FROM DER SPIEGEL.

5. SCHMIDT AND HIS STAFF WERE FRANKLY PUZZLED AS TO  
WHY THE CHINESE WOULD SO SHARPLY ATTACK GERMANY'S  
CLOSEST ALLY. THEY THINK THE CHINESE MOTIVE MAY HAVE  
BEEN EITHER TO STRENGTHEN THE ADVOCATES OF A HARD LINE  
TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION OR TO DISCREDIT THE SECRETARY.

6. SCHMIDT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE  
SECRETARY WHEN THEY MEET IN PARIS.  
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